

SECRET

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, CIA 9 August 1948
 via Deputy Assistant Director, ORE
 FROM: Chief, Current Intelligence Group
 SUBJECT: Non-delivery of Navy cable on weekend.

1. The attached Navy message was received through State channels on Monday morning, 9 August. Navy apparently received the message some time Saturday 7 August and gave it to State at 2108 hours; copies were also given to ID, and A-2; no copy was given to CIA over the weekend even though CIA maintains a watch officer system for that specific purpose. Later CIA did receive a copy of the message from the Navy as a part of the regular routine dissemination on Monday. It so happens that the prediction contained in this message was inaccurate. The situation might have been otherwise, however, and CIA would have then been without vital information.

2. As the Director is keenly interested in this matter I suggest it be referred to him for information and action.

/s/Merritt Ruddock

NOTE FOR RECORD:

Encls to above: Control 2446, From: Navy, To: Sec/State, Unnumbered, 6 August 48, CONFIDENTIAL.

NCR 548, 062302Z, From: ALUSNA, Guatemala, To: CNO, 7 August 48, CONFIDENTIAL.

Routed by buckslip to ED; DD; D.
 Note on buckslip--"This is another case
 at point. I believe this is our most
 serious existing operational problem.
 [redacted]

"Taken up with Navy 8-5-48 0100

Original returned to ORE - (xtra 58)
 Copies: Director
 Central Records

SECRET